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GSU Grads: 536 earn new status!

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Photo by Nancy LaLuntas
Donald Washington (Management Information Systems) and Tiffany Allen (Business and Technology) earned bachelor's degrees.



Photo by Nancy LaLuntas
Cousins (from left) Kelvin Williams (Board of Governors), and Ken Williams (Health Administration) shared commencement ceremonies June 5, celebrating completion of their bachelor's degrees.



Photo by Bruce Crooks
President Fagan confers the honorary degree, Doctor of Humane Letters, on Robert A. Petty, Sr. The ABC newscaster is the first GSU alumni to be so honored.



Photo by Bruce Crooks
GSU's Lincoln Laureate, Dwayne Williams, received his bachelor of arts in the Board of Governors program.



Photo by Bruce Crooks
Donald Oland, master's degree in Marriage and Family Counseling, addressed his fellow graduates.

High schools to tighten academic standards

SPRINGFIELD - Higher education leaders applauded the passage of Illinois Senate Bill 575 to strengthen high school graduation requirements, a linchpin of Governor Rod R. Blagojevich's Higher Standards/Better Schools plan.

The new standards are an important advance in broadening access to college and improving retention and degree-completion, according to James L. Kaplan, Chairman of the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

"Enhanced requirements in English, Math, and Science will improve the readiness of high school graduates for college and for the workforce," Kaplan said.

In a statement signed by the chief executives of the state's 12 public university campuses, the presidents and chancellors said: "Better-prepared high school graduates will be more successful college freshmen,

and successful college freshmen are far more likely to persist through graduation." The campus leaders were united in the belief that the legislation will plant seeds in high school for success in college.

The Board of Higher Education has supported tougher graduation requirements since a 2001 study found that nearly two-thirds of graduating seniors go on immediately to post-secondary education, but only about 40 percent of high school graduates had taken a vigorous curriculum designed to prepare them for the academic demands of college.

The move "will help place Illinois in the forefront of education reform," Chairman Kaplan said, expressing IBHE's appreciation for efforts "to expand opportunities for success in a changing economy that increasingly demands post-secondary credentials for entry into the workforce."

Uncle Sam wants you for 3 years:

D.C. agencies help students repay loans

If you're steeped in educational expenses, and are willing to relocate to Washington D.C or abroad, there may be good news for you. Many federal agencies are willing to repay their workers' student loans.

In fact, the number of employees receiving aid has more than quadrupled in a three-year period, according to a report recently released by the Office of Personnel Management of the federal government.

In fiscal 2004, the OPM report said, 28 federal agencies provided 2,945 employees with more than \$16.4 million in student loan repayments.

Congress authorized the use of student loan repayments in hopes that the aid would help federal agencies better compete in recruiting college graduates, who often run up substantial debts while studying for bachelor's and advanced degrees.

From fiscal 2002 to 2004, the number of agencies offering student loan repayments grew from 16 to 28, the number of employees receiving the benefit increased from 690 to 2,945, and the value of benefits provided jumped from \$3.16 million to \$16.4 million, according to the OPM report.

The departments of State, Defense and Justice, the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Government Accountability Office made most of the reimbursements, the report said.

The five agencies were the top providers of reimbursements in fiscal 2003, and, for the third consecutive year, the State Department provided more loan repayments -- \$3.6 million -- than any other agency, the report said.

The State Department provided the benefit to 734 employees -- 187 in the civil service and 547 in the Foreign Service. Most of the repayments went to employees serving in the Foreign Service as political affairs officers, public diplomacy officers and economists, according to the report.

Lawyers and engineers were frequent beneficiaries of the program across government agencies. GAO also made extensive use of loan repayments, providing them to 189 analysts.

Under the program, agencies can repay as much as \$10,000 for an employee in a year, up to a lifetime total of \$60,000. In return, the employee must agree to remain with the agency for at least three years.

Reader Responds:

Terri Schiavo's fate is still disputed



In response to the recent commentary about Terri Schiavo by Dan Barkman (*Phoenix*, May 9), I would like to offer an alternative perspective:

Now that the media circus is over, perhaps we can assess the meaning of this regrettable family dispute in a more rational light. The magnifying lens of the media brought the case into our living rooms on an hourly basis and gave the impression that the Schiavo situation was unique. In fact, the difficult end-of-life decision faced by Mr. Schiavo happens to thousands of families throughout the country on a daily basis. Thus, contrary to what Barkman maintains, the issue of what constitutes a "persistent vegetative state" is not irrelevant.

Conservative advocates for Terri Schiavo were quick to conjure up visions of a Nazi-like society murdering a helpless, disabled woman. Conservative politicians were quick to leap on the bandwagon to rescue Terri. Imagine George Bush making his theatrical midnight flight to the capital in pajamas to save Terri from -- what? Barkman suggests that Terri's only problem was that she was "unable to swallow on her own." Let's look at some of the known facts.

Terri's cortex had been destroyed nearly 15 years ago. She could not do anything "on her own" and had been effectively dead for 15 years. An unfortunate end-of-life decision was forced upon her husband, Michael, who gave it all he had for the first four years of Terri's condition. The decision by Michael Schiavo to end Terri's unfortunate state was one with which a majority of Americans agreed. *Washington Post* reporter Ellen Goodman pointed out that polls indicated that nearly 80 percent of Americans said "I wouldn't want to live like that," in response to the Schiavo situation.

In my opinion, the slide down the "slippery slope" Barkman mentioned began when the conservative politicians tried to play the "right to life" card by implementing a "save Terri Schiavo" bill. Fortunately, their attempt at political grandstanding backfired.



The polls showed that 70 percent of Americans believed congressional intervention, led by Tom Delay and the Republicans, was inappropriate. Of course, Delay may have had ulterior motives, given his potentially incriminating problems down in Texas. The Schiavo case gave him a smokescreen for his legal problems, as well as a convenient way to pander to the ultraconservative Christian movement.

Even more dangerous was Tom Delay's subsequent attacks on the Judiciary. Delay pronounced that the time will come when "activist judges" will have to "answer for their behavior." So, what does that mean? Terri Schiavo left no written directive for her end of life situation. Florida law makes it clear that the spouse has a right to decide end-of-life issues. The decision to follow Florida law was determined by appellate court judge George Greer. He is described as a conservative Christian, a republican, and a dog-loving family man.

Because his decision did not concur with their beliefs, ultraconservative members of the executive and legislative branches had no qualms about trying to destroy the separation of powers inherent in our constitution. Their attempts to greatly over-step their constitutional boundaries takes us even further down that "slippery slope."

As the assault from the Right on the Judiciary continues, let us pray that the constitutional guarantee of the separation of powers instituted by the founding fathers will stand. We can only hope that the more rational elements of our citizenry will become informed and aware of the attacks from the right wing talk show hosts, ultraconservative politicians, and religious extremists who have no respect for the law and no understanding of the separation of powers on which this great country was founded.

Ronald Skertich
GSU Alumnus

Ronald Skertich received a master's degree in Communication Disorders in 1998. He currently works with Deaf and Hard of Hearing junior high school students.



The phoenix became a symbol of resurrection: burning in the fires, yet arising newborn out of the ashes. In our ever-changing world of uncertainty and fear, the Phoenix still burns brightly as a symbol of resurrection from the ashes, and of the indomitable strength of the human spirit.

The *Phoenix* is Governors State University's student newspaper. It is published twice monthly during the fall and winter terms, and monthly during spring/summer.

We welcome articles, suggestions, photos, commentary, cartoons, and letters to the editor on issues that concern the greater GSU population.

If you have a question about university policy or events, please send it to us, and we will attempt to obtain an answer for you. Literary, and other artistic works are also considered.

We reserve the right to edit submissions for brevity, clarity, appropriateness, legality, and interest to our overall GSU readership.

All submissions should be signed, and include the student, faculty, or staff member's name, ID number, department, and phone number.

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— Jimmy Carter

Was it all worth it? You're damn right it was!

By John Madden

How many times have you said, "No I can't make it tonight because I have to study for a test," or "I'll have to take a rain check on that get together because I have a paper due." Or words to that effect?

How many events have you missed to steadfastly persist in attaining your goal in earning a degree? Was it all worth it? Absolutely!

Having a bachelor's or a master's degree will significantly increase your lifetime earnings over just a high school diploma or associates degree. And we're not talking chump change here!

If you're among the GSU grads of 2005, you're ready to show the world what you can do. But where do you go? What sectors are in need of your talents? How do you step into the hidden job market?

The hottest jobs in the Chicago area are in health care, transportation, service, and manufacturing. Within these are many opportunities GSU graduates can explore.

In the health care segment, both occupational and physical therapy, nursing, speech therapy and health administration, have seen significant growth. Counseling and

addictions treatment are specialties with terrific opportunities.

Crossover careers may be worth considering. IT and criminal justice professionals might also seek job openings in the transportation sector. Computer science, IT, MIS, and physics majors might also look into manufacturing for work.

The largest employment sector by far is service. Almost all GSU majors have a wide variety of options to pursue in this area. Teaching has the greatest number of possibilities.

In addition to careers in primary and secondary education, you can bring your occupation into the classroom. Were you a carpenter, plumber, or member of another skilled trade? Teach it! For adults, this is a popular segue into another career path. Teach what you do.

Do you like art or humanities? Teach it! Did you sell anything? Professionally? That's marketing. On e-bay? That's Internet skills. Hobbies? Do you skydive or scuba dive? Are you a counselor? Teach it!

There are numerous schools, as well as vocational programs that would be interested in your expertise and experience.



In other service areas, the range of possibilities is almost endless. The hospitality industry, which includes travel and vacation planning, and the restaurant and beverage industries offer exciting careers and travel to exotic locations. Many of these positions pay well with good career tracks into higher levels of management.

But how do you get to where you want to go? The newspaper want ads? Job fairs? The Internet? Yes, these are good sources, but it's no secret that the best source for finding opportunities is people.

Building a networking system and

developing relationships will help you tap into the hidden job market.

If you let everyone, family, friends, and professional contacts know that you are looking for a job in a particular field, the greater your chances will be in getting an interview. Someone may know the boss or a worker in the career that you want to pursue. That should help in getting your foot in the door.

Another excellent area of networking is here at GSU. Your professors, the Alumni Association, and fellow students are valuable assets to your job hunt.

Finally, other powerful resources are recruiters, job fairs, employment agencies, and Human Resource personnel. These professionals have inroads to jobs through their multiple contacts within a wide variety of industries.

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Salute to Grads' picnic brings 'family' and friends together



Vince Gutierrez, Board of Governors graduate, enjoys the day with parents and a friend.



Most adults were too cautious for the limbo challenge. But the kids were sure limber!



(From left) Gabrielle Smith, 'mom' Nicole (Board of Governors grad), and Brenda Hurns (Elementary Education bachelor's) rendered a Supremes' hit tune.

Photos by Nancy LaLuntas



Vince Gutierrez sounded amazing like 'Sachmo.'



Freda Williams (bachelor's, Health Administration), husband, and son pose for a family portrait by characature artist Bruce Carlevato.





She forges the way in 'non-traditional'

by Mark Durham

Rushing to and from class, most GSU students and faculty probably don't pay much attention to the two-story, white frame house on the south side of University Drive, just east of the Metra tracks. It's more than a mile from the main campus, and the vintage, country farmhouse contrasts sharply with the rest of the university's architecture.

The building is Wagner House, the former home of the university's Development Office and the GSU Alumni Association. It's where Rosemary Hulett-Cohee, interim associate vice president of Development and Alumni Relations, worked from 1996 until only recently.

Her office was reorganized as the Office of Institutional Advancement and Alumni Relations, and moved to the third floor D wing of the main building earlier this year.

While few people know about Wagner House, probably even fewer are aware that Hulett is a nationally known expert in the rapidly growing field of non-traditional alumni relations. Hulett has spent her career almost entirely at "commuter schools" where students are older than the fresh-faced teens who populate traditional residential campuses.

"There has been no book written yet on how to work with non-traditional alumni, but Rosemary would be the one to do it," said Claranne Perkins, director of Development for the College of Business at Illinois State University in Normal.

She and Perkins first met in 1980 at a district conference of the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), the professional organization for development officers. They have worked together on a number of CASE projects and maintained a close relationship as both advanced their careers.

"Rosemary was one of the first person to make presentations on working with non-traditional alumni associations at regional and national conferences," said Perkins. "There was a myth that graduates from (commuter) schools don't have strong alumni ties. But Rosemary has been successful at doing all the things you're not supposed to be able to do at commuter institutions."

Hulett, whose presentations stress that alumni of schools like GSU are more interested in networking, career development, and family-oriented activities than in traditional programming like homecomings and reunions, has played a prominent role in CASE and is currently a member of the organization's National Alumni Commission. She has served as a member of the CASE national board and was national chair of the CASE Commission for Opportunity and Equity, a group that focused on issues facing minorities and women in development.

Hulett got her start in alumni relations in 1980, shortly after earning a master's degree in Special Education from Chicago State University, where she also received her bachelor's degree in 1975.

"I was active in student government and I began volunteering as an alumni after I graduated," she said. "Eventually, the school offered me a position as its first full-time alumni director."

In 1991, Hulett was appointed associate director of Alumni Relations at GSU. She held the position briefly, before moving to Atlanta for three years. Upon returning to Chicago, she did a brief stint as associate director of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving at Roosevelt University, and returned to GSU as director of Alumni Relations in 1996. She was promoted to her current position last year.

Hulett is responsible for coordinating alumni special events and fundraising activities, including the university's annual phonathons and direct mail appeals. When the Development Office was reorganized last year, her duties were increased to include organizing alumni clubs and conducting the university's faculty and staff giving campaign, along with several other fundraising projects.

The consolidation reflects a new focus on uniting and enhancing the university's fundraising and "friendraising" efforts.

"The move from Wagner House helped facilitate relations with the rest of campus. We had a lot of space at Wagner House, but we were isolated," she observed. "The move removed the barriers."

"I think the reorganization is being well received," she added. "In the past the GSU Foundation and Alumni Association were each involved in fundraising. Now the Alumni Association is focused more on outreach activities and the alumni are really impressed that we are coming out more into the community (to interact with them)."

Hulett believes that her new responsibilities mirror changes being made throughout the nation. "Alumni administrators are becoming more actively engaged in fundraising, whether they want to or not," she explained. "We have always been involved in cultivation and stewardship because of our relationships with the graduates. But now, with decreasing financial resources, we are forced to wear more than one hat."

This year, Hulett promoted popular activities like an alumni day at White Sox Park, a luncheon cruise on Lake Michigan, and a theater outing, while adding a well-received series of receptions for alumni in communities throughout the Chicago area.

"I can see the things she's done for alumni, like sponsoring trips and different social gatherings," says Sylvia Wilson, who received both her bachelor's and master's degrees at GSU. "I didn't see those kinds of things happening before Rosemary was appointed alumni association director," she said.

Hulett reported that GSU's winter 2005 phonathon raised \$48,000 in gifts and pledges. This year's faculty and staff campaign, a first time effort, raised \$16,000 and attracted participation from 28 percent of the university's 500 employees.

GSU Alumni Wilson (who's also a business administrative associate in the GSU Admissions Office) says she's volunteered for the phonathon many times because of Hulett. "She's genuine," says Wilson. "Rosemary can be contentious, but she's very well-organized and takes a lot of pride in her work. She insists that things be done right, and she takes on a lot more responsibility because of that."

Hulett has advice for students who may be interested in following her career path. She says her field attracts people from a wide range of academic majors and recommends it for students who seek job satisfaction, enjoy interacting with others, and want to make a difference at the place where they work.

"Regardless of your major, you need to have good oral and writing skills, and an outgoing personality," she advised. "You also need to be patient, tolerant, adaptable, and flexible. Those qualities are as important as your educational background."

"It's definitely a non-traditional career," she said. "There's no preparation in life for it, but I've invested 20 years of my life in it and I'm glad I made the choice."

Alumni Assoc'n. provides opportunities to stay connected

The more alumni are involved in the life and activities of their *alma mater*, the more they benefit from the ongoing networking, educational, and social opportunities their institution provides.

Lorraine Fontana, Vice President of the Alumni Clubs, is excited about the newest addition of networking receptions three times per year. Alumni have the opportunity to get informed about updates, and the direction the GSU Alumni Association is taking. They have a chance to meet the president of GSU and talk with the board members of the alumni association.

As Alumni's needs and interests change, the GSU Alumni Association evolves. The most recent transformation involves the splitting of the association into two separate, independent corporations working to advance and promote Governors State University.

The GSU Foundation, which branched out from the Alumni Association, has taken on fund raising tasks. It is now the university's primary "fund-raising" organization, and encourages giving to the university to support student scholarships, faculty professional development, grants, and academic programs, to name a few. This year's phonathon was extremely successful, thanks in part to so many volunteers.

The fundamental purpose of the GSU Alumni Association is to foster friendship among the GSU community and to bind these alumni into an organization to



serve the needs of the alumni and to promote the growth and development of GSU.

Social, cultural, and recreational activities are offered at a discount to our alumni and their families. They can look forward to special events, like boat cruises on Lake Michigan, professional baseball games, and plays at GSU's Center for Performing Arts. The alumni travel program offers annual trips to visit countries such as Greece, Switzerland, Italy, and Spain.

Alumni also get the opportunity to be inspired by the success stories of others, like Craig Martin, Chief of Police of University Park, several authors of books, and State Senator Debbie Halvorson.

A wide range of programs and services are offered to alumni throughout the year. Educational workshops and seminars are conducted periodically, and, most recently, the creation of Alumni Clubs.

We call on alumni to set an example of leadership to our students by aiding us in our important work of career counseling and placement.

A special note to remember is that all first time/recent graduates get a one-year free membership. Material is mailed shortly after graduation. For membership application, please contact the Alumni Office at 708.534.4128.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Photo by Jennifer Moore



Tuesday June 14 thru June 28

"Dark Light" Master's Photo Exhibit

Black and white photography by Art Master's candidate Jennifer Moore is featured in the University Visual Arts Gallery June 14 through 28. Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday, 1 to 4 p.m. A reception will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday June 16.



Wednesday June 15

Torch Run for Special Olympics

GSU's campus cops are looking for your support in the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Illinois. The GSU leg of the state-wide charitable event occurs around 10 a.m. June 15 on the east side of campus. Supporters can run, bike, rollerskate, skateboard, or use any other means to show their support for the GSU torchbearers. The event includes a picnic complete with food, soft drinks, games, and music. And of course, you're welcome to pledge dollars in support of the event. Last year GSU raised more than \$4,500. This year's goal is \$10,000.



Wednesday June 15

Global Trade Conference

The Global Trade Center at GSU's Small Business Development Center, CenterPoint, presents "Navigating the Global Economy: Practical Strategies for Survival" 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 15. The conference will be held at the Oak Lawn Hilton, 9333 South Cicero Ave. Registration is \$75 per person. Registration is through June 13. RSVP at <http://itagc.org>, or by phone at 773.725.1106.

Keynote speaker is Roger E. Axtell, author and editor of several books on international trade and relations, including "Do's and Taboos of International Trade: A Small Business Primer." A business breakfast will be sponsored by UPS. Breakout sessions include Trade Finance, Branding and Marketing, Export Finance, Supply Chain Management, and Freight Forwarding. A lunchtime panel will include experts on exporting from Tek Pak, North American Tool, and International Management Consulting.



Saturday June 18

Alumni Association White Sox Day

Join the Alumni Association at U.S. Cellular Field as the White Sox battle the Los Angeles Dodgers at 6 p.m. Saturday June 19. Your ticket includes admission into the park and reserved seating on the lower deck level along the first base line. Fireworks immediately follow the game. Tickets are \$40 for current Alumni members. Alumni Relations Office, 708.544.3128.

Saturday June 18

Graduate Open House

Business & Public Administration

The College of Business and Public Administration will hold a Graduate Programs Open House 9:30 a.m. to noon June 18 in the Café Annex. Registration and breakfast occur from 9:30 to 10; the program from 10 to 11; and a Q/A session from 11 to noon. RSVP at 708.534.7051, or e-mail BPA-RSVP@govst.edu.

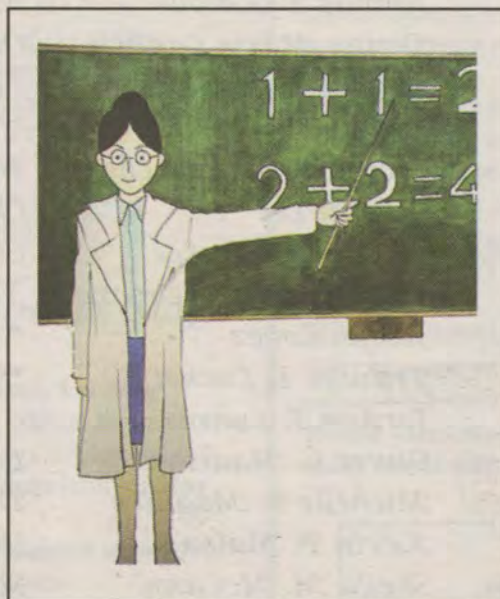
The college offers four graduate degree programs: Master of Business Administration, Master of Science in Accounting, Master of Science in Management Information Systems, and Master of Public Administration.

Wednesday June 22

College of Arts & Sciences Degree Expo

The College of Arts and Sciences hosts a cookout and information session 5 to 7 p.m. June 22 in the Hall of Governors. The event provides an opportunity for interaction between students, faculty and staff from the college. The Degree Expo highlights the college's ten undergraduate and seven graduate programs, and student support services ranging from financial aid to tutoring. RSVP by June 15 at 708.534.4101.

Undergraduate programs include: Art, Biology, Chemistry, Communications, Computer Science, Criminal Justice, English, Integrative Studies, Mathematics, and Social Sciences. Graduate programs include Analytical Chemistry, Art, Communications and Training, Computer Science, English, Environmental Biology, and Political and Justice Studies.



Thursday June 23

Chicago Teachers Job Fair

The Chicago Public Schools Certified Teacher Job Fair for the current and upcoming school year will be held from 1:30 to 4 p.m. June 23 at the United Center in Chicago. A presentation by Harry Wong will be 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. More than 80 elementary and high schools principals who have current and anticipated teaching positions open are expected to attend.



Friday June 24

"The Wizard of Oz"

Kids age 8 to 12 participating in the musical theatre summer workshop will perform The Wizard of Oz at 7 p.m. June 24 at The Center for Performing Arts. Tickets are \$10. Call 235.2222



Monday July 4 Independence Day University closed

Wednesday July 6 thru July 29

Art in the Spirit World of New Guinea

Arts and Artifacts" from the Lawrence P. Kolton Collection will be on display in the E-Lounge July 7 through July 29. It will be the first time the collection will be displayed in Illinois.

Saturday July 9

BOG Information Session

Would you like to learn more about the BOG program and how it can help you earn a Bachelor's degree? The next information session for new or prospective is July 9 in the Hall of Honors. On-site registration is 9:45. The session begins 10:00 a.m. Call Tiffani Malvin at 708.534.4092.



Saturday Aug. 27

Ramsey Louis Trio

Legend Ramsey Lewis performs a benefit concert at 8 p.m. Aug. 27 at the Center for Performing Arts. Tickets are \$42 to 47. Proceeds go to the Illinois Youth Advocate program.